

**NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
Division of Family and Children's Services**

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**Date Rule Proposed:** January 19, 2006

**Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:** Miss. Code Section 43-15-13

**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule :**

Amending the DFCS Policy Manual

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:** 1) Replaced "Family Group Conference" with wording "Family Team Meeting." 2) Added Family Team Meeting as part of Activities in Prevention of Abuse and Neglect cases. 3) Added Family Team Meeting as part of the procedure in developing an Individual Service Plan (ISP) with the parents/caretakers. 4) Defined "Family Team Meeting" and wrote new policy instructing timelines for this meeting.

**The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.**

☒ An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: February 8, 2006

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: 750 N. State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Family & Children's Services Conference Room, Jackson, MS

☐ An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

**The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and**

☐ This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

☒ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

☐ The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:

Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and  
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

**Effective Date of Rule:** March 1, 2006

**Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing**

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